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SAIGON PASS KHMER SUPPORT OFFICE

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SUBJ: EVACUATION OF KHMER ORPHANS

REF: (A) PHNOM PENH 6069; (B) STATE 082290

TOTAL NUMBER OF ORPHANS EVACUATED TO DATE - 105. THEY  
LEFT IN THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

(A) MARCH 17 - 41 ORPHANS TO SAIGON FROM CANADA HOUSE,  
PHNOM PENH. USAID SAIGON ARRANGED TRANSPORTATION AND  
FRIENDS FOR ALL CHILDREN (FFAC) ASSUMED FULL LEGAL  
RESPONSIBILITY. FFAC IS REGISTERED IN BOTH THE KHMER  
REPUBLIC AND COLORADO. ALL 41 ORPHANS WERE  
INCLUDED IN ONE COLLECTIVE PASSPORT ISSUED BY THE GKR.

(B) MARCH 26 - 5 ORPHANS TO SAIGON. THE ORPHANS  
FLEW TO SAIGON ON AN AIR AMERICA CARGO PLANE. REV.  
TODD BURKE OF NEIGHBORS AID TO ASIA (NATA) ACCOMPANIED  
THEM AND ASSUMED FULL LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY. NATA IS  
REGISTERED BOTH IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC AND IN THE US.  
ALL 5 ORPHANS HAD KHMER PASSPORTS, EXIT VISAS, AND  
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ENTRY VISAS INTO THE US.

(C) APRIL 5 - 22 ORPHANS TO BANGKOK. WORLD VISION RELIEF ORGANIZATION (WVRO) CHARTERED THE PLANE WHICH FLEW THESE ORPHANS OUT AND ASSUMED FULL LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY. WVRO IS REGISTERED IN BOTH THE KHMER REPUBLIC AND THE US. A COLLECTIVE PASSPORT FOR ALL 22 ORPHANS WILL BE PREPARED BY THE GKR. (THE NUMBER OF ORPHANS IN THIS GROUP HAS BEEN CORRECTED TO 23.)

(D) APRIL 7 - 6 ORPHANS TO BANGKOK. TERRE DES HOMMES FLEW THESE CHILDREN OUT ON THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED USAID C-46 AND ASSUMED ALL LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY.

ALL SIX ORPHANS HAD KHMER PASSPORTS AND EXIT VISAS.

(E) MARCH 9 - 30 ORPHANS TO UTAPAO. THE USAF TRANSPORTED 29 OF THESE ORPHANS TO UTAPAO ON A MEDICALLY EQUIPPED C-130; THE REMAINING ORPHAN, FROM JIMMY'S ORPHANAGE, LEFT LATER ON A REGULAR C-130 ACCCOMPANIED BY A PAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE, MISS TOOP. HTE 29 ORPHANS FLOWN OUT BY THE MEDICALLY EQUIPPED USAF C-130 WERE LATER MOVED TO CLARK AFB WHERE WVRO WILL ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY. A COLLECTIVE PASSPORT FOR THEM IS BEING PREPARED. AS FOR ONE REMAINING ORPHAN, MISS TOOP SAID THAT SHE WAS PERSONALLY GOING TO TAKE THE CHILD BACK TO THE US FOR AN ALREADY ARRANGED ADOPTION. HER FLIGHT TO PHNOM PENH WAS CLEARED BY USAID/SAIGON (MISS NOFFLET). UNFORTUNATELY, MISS TOOP APPEARED AT THE AIRPORT WITH THE BABY IN HAND AND DID NOT CLEAR THE PROCESSING WITH USAID PERSONNEL. RATHER THAN EXPOSE HER AND THE BABY TO FURTHER ROCKET AND ARTILLERY FIRE AT THE AIRPORT, SHE WAS ALLOWED TO BOARD A C-130 CARGO PLANE FOR UTAPAO.

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